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Larimore Man Sentenced on Tax Evasion Charge

FARGO - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced that on April 4, 2007, **Ardell Steven Zejdlik** of Larimore, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson for attempting to evade and defeat payment of income tax.

Zejdlik, 56, pleaded guilty on November 29, 2006, to evading and frustrating the payment of income tax due and owing by him to the United States of America.

Judge Erickson sentenced **Zejdlik** to four days incarceration, followed by two years of supervised release, of which ten months is to be served in home confinement. **Zejdlik** was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund. **Zejdlik** was ordered to pay restitution of the outstanding taxes, interest, and penalties in the amount of \$303,843.00.

At the sentencing hearing **Zejdlik** tearfully stated that he had erroneously purchased false advice on the constitutionality of the federal income taxation legislation. **Zejdlik** has now filed income tax returns for the years 1995 through 2005.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division.

Assistant United States Attorney Janice M. Morley prosecuted the case.

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